## ABSTRACT

A method is disclosed for the exchange of information between a buyer intelligent inter-agent and at least two seller intelligent inter-agents in a distributed commercial system. Collaboration processes facilitate multilateral requests for products, services and bundles that are made-to-order in a disintermediated commercial system. Collaboration allows multilateral multivariate customization in automated commerce. Information can be analyzed by AAs for interpretation by buyer or seller. Information collaboration can be concurrent with or prior to a CSA first search query and precedes automated transaction negotiation.